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SUBJECT: UNIFICATION OF YAR SECURITY SERVICES

1. SANA RADIO EVENING JULY 7 ANNOUNCED THAT TWO EXISTING SECURITY SERVICES, INTERNAL (RESPONSIBLE TO MININT) AND NATIONAL (RESPONSIBLE TO PRESIDENCY), HAVE BEEN MERGED INTO SINGLE SERVICE CALLED CENTRAL ORGANIZATION FOR NATIONAL SECURITY (AL-JHAZ AL-MARKAZI LI AL-AMN AL-WATANI). NEW ORGANIZATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO COMMAND COUNCIL, I.E. TO PRESIDENT HAMDI.

2. MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, NEW ORGANIZATION WILL BE HEADED BY FORMER DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL SECURITY, LTC MUHAMMAD AL-KHAMIS, WHO WILL HAVE TWO DEPUTIES (AS YET UNNAMED) FOR EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS. KHAMIS HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY BRITISH SECURITY ADVISOR WHO RECENTLY LEFT YEMEN, AND WHO WORKED TOGETHER WITH KHAMIS ON DAILY BASIS, AS PRO-WESTERN, DEDICATED TO CONTROLLING SUBVERSION, AND THOROUGHLY LOYAL TO PRESIDENT HAMDI FOR WHOM HE "MOONLIGHTED" AS MILITARY SECURITY (CI) ADVISER WHEN HAMDI WAS DEPUTY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. FORMER HEAD OF NATIONAL SECURITY, ABD AL-

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WAHID AL-SIYAGHI, IS IN CONTRAST DEVIOUS, AMBITIOUS,

AND SOMEWHAT PSYCHOPATHIC INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVER EX-
PRESIDENT IRYANI. UNIFICATION HAS BEEN IN PLANNING
STAGES FOR TWO YEARS, BUT UNTIL NOW SIYAGHI HAS BEEN
ABLE TO FEND IT OFF BY STRESSING RISK OF HAVING
ONLY SINGLE SERVICE. OBVIOUSLY PRESIDENT HAMDI'S
PERSONAL TRUST IN KHAMIS WAS DECIDING FACTOR AND IS
ANOTHER STEP IN CEMENTING HAMDI'S CONTROL OVER KEY
MILITARY AND SECURITY UNITS.
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